

## ***Maricopa County Trail Commission Status Report***

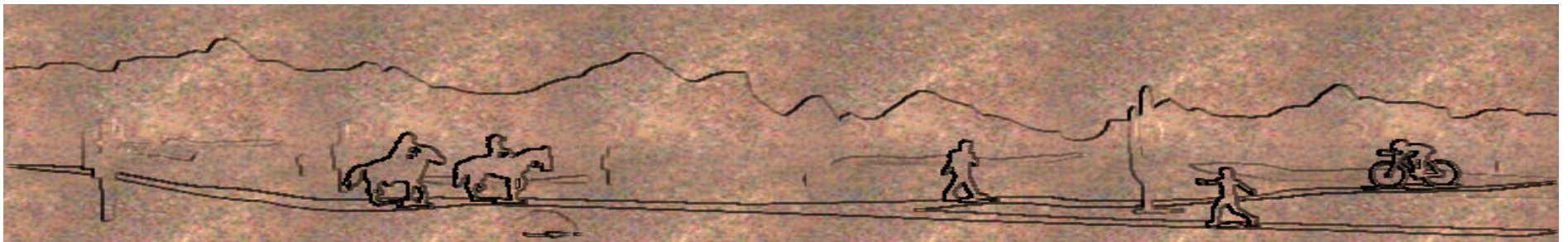
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## ***January 2000***

- Maricopa County Trail Commission created to develop a Regional Trails System.
- Commission Members, County Departments and Staff identified to work on project.

## ***February 2000***

- Board of Supervisors announces the formation of the Maricopa County Trail Commission. The goal of the program is to connect the County Park System, link recreational corridors around the Valley and help preserve open space in the community. The project will capitalize on existing right-of-ways such as canals, parks, utility corridors, and Flood Control projects.
- Trail Commission Mailing list of 150 interested groups/individuals identified and developed.
- Coordination of Administrative Support by Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development, Transportation, and Flood Control implemented.

## ***March 2000***

- Web Site Developed.
- First quarterly meeting of the Maricopa County Trail Commission held.
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Commission Outlined.
- Initial Draft Plan Presented.
- Early Success Options Identified – McMicken Dam and Marathon Trail.
- Marketing Options Discussed.

## ***April 2000***

- Tour of Marathon Trail.
- Marketing Meetings Conducted.

## ***May 2000***

- Tour of McMicken Dam.
  - Development of GIS Mapping Project.
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### ***June 2000***

- Quarterly meeting of the Maricopa County Trail Commission held.
- Discussion on Developing Relationships with Maricopa Water District.
- McMicken Dam & Marathon Trail Development Planning Committees Identified.
- Agua Fria Watercourse Master Plan/West Valley Recreation Corridor Project Discussed.
- Areas of Collaboration with MAG Identified.
- Discussions began on the development of an IGA between Parks & Recreation and the Flood Control District.
- Discussion on the Draft Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for use of BOR land.

### ***July 2000***

- Preparations for Marathon Race at the San Tan Marathon Trail underway.

### ***August 2000***

- McMicken Dam and Marathon Trail Development Planning Committees met.

### ***September 2000***

- Quarterly meeting of the Maricopa County Trail Commission.
- Trail Planning Committees provide progress reports.
- Trail Commission officially adopts the Marathon Trail.
- Maricopa County Trail System Master Plan Committee identified to develop and evaluate a RFP for a Master Plan.
- Tour of the Agua Fria/West Valley Recreation Corridor.

### ***November 2000***

- Master Plan RFP went out.
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### **December 2000**

- Quarterly meeting of the Maricopa County Trail Commission.
- Five responses received to the Master Plan RFP.
- Presentation of MAG Regional Off-Street System Plan.
- Results of the Power Road Corridor and Access Control Study presented.
- Status Report on Sun Circle Trail Bridge over Interstate 10.

### **January 2001**

- Carter & Burgess selected as the consultants to develop a Draft Scope of Work for the Regional Trail System Master Plan.

### **February 2001**

- First Draft Scope of Work received from Carter & Burgess (with four subsequent revisions).
- Marathon Race - 2,200 runners participated in the race along the Marathon Trail, sponsored by SWEAT Magazine.

### **March 2001**

- Quarterly Meeting of the Trail Commission held.
- Master Plan Draft Scope of Work presented to the Commission.
- Begin work on the development of a Trail Commission Video.
- Trail Commission officially adopts the McMicken Dam Corridor in the Regional Trail System.
- Trail Commission unanimously approves support of the Sun Circle Trail Bridge project.
- The Technical Advisory Committee (members from Planning & Development, MCDOT, Flood Control, and Environmental Services) reviews all applications of new building developments. The Committee works with the developer on a voluntary basis to identify where a connection to the Regional Trail System might be made.
- CAP Project IGA for development of a trail has been signed.

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### ***April/May 2001***

- MCDOT GIS Division working with Flood Control, Planning & Development, and Parks & Recreation to provide mapping information utilizing the County's GIS Portal and ArcView.
- Individual meetings with the members of the Board of Supervisors to review the Draft Scope of Work prepared by Carter & Burgess.

### ***June 2001***

- Quarterly meeting of the Maricopa County Trail Commission.
- Final Draft Scope of Work presented to the County by Carter & Burgess.
- Presentation to the Commission on the information available through the County's GIS Portal.
- Presentation on the conceptual corridors for the Regional Trail System.
- Work continues on the IGA with Flood Control and the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Presentation by MCDOT and MAG on the Alternative Solutions for Mid-Block Crossings.
- Through the efforts of MCDOT staff, a technical advisory committee is being formed to select a consultant for a Feasibility Study for a Multi-use Path along the Central Arizona Project Aqueduct System. \$55,000 is available for the study. Participants include Maricopa County, ADOT, BOR, and the cities of Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District.
- The Board of Supervisors increased the Parks Department budget to include \$50,000 to hire a full time Grants/Trails Coordinator.
- The Board of Supervisors, on the Commission's recommendations voted to approve the expenditure of \$58,180 to fully fund the equestrian trail addition to the Guadalupe Road Bridge.

### ***On Going Projects***

- Committee designated to develop a process to name the Maricopa County Regional Trail System.
- Web Site updates to include the GIS Mapping Information.
- Parks & Recreation and BOR IGA.
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- Legislative issues related to declaring the Trail System and infrastructure.
- Development of Marketing Video & Brochures.